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CONSTRUCTION JOBS ON THE INCREASE HARTFORD POISED AND PREPARED TO BENEFIT

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(September 8, 2011)--- A new report from Capital Workforce Partners shows that as many as 30,000 jobs in the construction industry are projected for the next five years in the Greater Hartford region, with the City of Hartford being one of six cities and towns to see the highest concentration. \$5 billion in labor related projects could translate into hundreds of thousands of work hours.

Mayor Pedro E. Segarra spoke today at a news conference at Union Station with Governor Dannel P. Malloy, State Labor Commissioner Glenn Marshall, Thomas Phillips of Capital Workforce Partners and Yolanda Rivera of the Jobs Funnel, which trains and builds the talent pipeline so that skilled labor is ready to fill today's jobs needs.

"Here in Hartford, we need jobs now and we need to be preparing our workforce for the jobs of tomorrow. I am proud to support the Jobs Funnel. For more than 11 years, our residents, especially those in minority communities, have benefitted from this partnership. Case in point is our new Public Safety Complex that will be the future home of police, fire, and emergency services. So far, 115 construction jobs have been created and when you include truck drivers and other related positions, that number goes up to 130. About 30-percent of these positions have been filled by Hartford residents. Our city bears the burden of a higher unemployment rate, but there is hope and promise that more construction projects in transportation, green technology, and education will create an even brighter future for Connecticut's Capital City," said Mayor Segarra.